

Application No.: 10/538,923Docket No.: 4590-421REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 and 9 remain pending in the application. Claim 8 has been cancelled.

Applicant appreciatively notes that claim 8 has been indicated as allowable. Although, Applicant does not necessary agree with the rejections in order to advance the prosecution of this application, Applicant has amended the claims to place the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 7-9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as not having antecedent basis. In response, antecedent basis has been provided in claim 7 and 9, and accordingly this rejection should be withdrawn.

Claims 7 is objected to because of the following informalities. In response, claim 7 has been amended in accordance with the Examiners helpful suggestions. Accordingly, this objection should be withdrawn.

Claims 1-2 and 4-5 are rejected under 35 USC 102 (b) as being anticipated by Mizushima et al (5,747,859). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Mizushima et al. (5,747,859) in view of Frank (4,575,741). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Mizushima et al (5,747,859) in view of Kroger et al (3,979,613) Claims 7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Mizushima et al. (5,747,859) in view of Taylor (2002/0121647). In response, allowable claim 8 has been incorporated into claim 1 and all of these rejections have been overcome and accordingly should be withdrawn.

All objections and rejections having been addressed Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance.

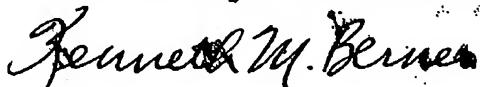
The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned, Applicant's attorney of record, to facilitate advancement of the present application.

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To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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